

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2660. Labor, HHS and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9161–S9268

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1386–1393, and S. J. Res. 15. **Page S9244**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–86)

Report to accompany S. 1382, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–87)

Report to accompany S. 1383, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–88)

S. 1391, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–89)

S. RES. 140, designating the week of August 10, 2003, as “National Health Center Week”.

S. 764, to extend the authorization of the Bullet-proof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

S. 1280, to amend the Protect Act to clarify certain volunteer liability, with an amendment. **Page S9244**

Measures Passed:

NOAA Legal Appointments and Promotions Ratification: Senate passed S. 886, to ratify otherwise legal appointments and promotions in the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that failed to be submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent as required by law. **Page S9268**

State Department Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 925, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9162–S9215**

Adopted:

Lugar (for Biden/Mikulski) Amendment No. 1150 (to Amendment No. 1136), to express the sense of Congress relating to violence against women. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Breaux) Amendment No. 1151 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize the Chief of Protocol to use a passenger carrier for transportation between the Chief of Protocol’s residence and place of employment. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Coleman) Amendment No. 1152 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Daschle/McCain) Amendment No. 1153 (to Amendment No. 1136), to require an annual report on Saudi Arabia’s cooperation in the war on terrorism. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1154 (to Amendment No. 1136), to require a report on states that have not cooperated in small arms programs. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Biden) Amendment No. 1155 (to Amendment No. 1136), to require the reporting of certain information relating to proposed exports and transfers of firearms. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1156 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide a report on a strategy to deal with the international coffee crisis. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar/Biden Amendment No. 1157 (to Amendment No. 1136), to strike section 2512, relating to

amendments to the Arms Control and Disarmament Act. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar Amendment No. 1158 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide an exception to requirements with respect to bilateral agreements for exemptions from certain licensing requirements. **Pages S9162–66**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Lugar Amendment No. 1159 (to Amendment No. 1136), to improve the provisions on global pathogen surveillance. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar/Biden Amendment No. 1160 (to Amendment No. 1136), to strike section 205, relating to immediate response facilities. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar/Biden Amendment No. 1161 (to Amendment No. 1136), to clarify Foreign Service Grievance Board procedures. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar/Biden Amendment No. 1162 (to Amendment No. 1136), to modify reporting requirements on U.S. personnel involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar Amendment No. 1163 (to Amendment No. 1136), to strike section 2239, relating to the sense of Congress relating to exports of defense items to the United Kingdom. **Pages S9162–66**

Allen/Harkin Amendment No. 1165 (to Amendment No. 1136), to clarify the definition of blocked assets for purposes of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. **Pages S9171–72**

Lugar (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1171 (to Amendment No. 1136), to ensure that eligibility for assistance under the Millennium Challenge Account includes a demonstrated commitment to the sustainable use of natural resources. **Pages S9173–74**

Lugar (for Santorum/Biden) Amendment No. 1172 (to Amendment No. 1136), to make a technical correction to the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003. **Pages S9173–74**

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 268), Reid/Daschle Amendment No. 1164 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide support regarding the rural development crisis in Mexico. **Pages S9180–81**

Lugar (for Kyl) Amendment No. 1173 (to Amendment No. 1136), to require a report on the role of North Korea in the trafficking of illegal narcotics. **Pages S9181–82**

By 78 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 270), Bingaman Amendment No. 1174 (to Amendment No. 1136), to express the sense of Congress on funding for assistance to combat AIDS globally. **Pages S9182–91**

Lugar Amendment No. 1182 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize Economic Support Fund assistance for Pakistan. **Pages S9191–93**

Lugar Amendment No. 1183 (to Amendment No. 1136), to grant the consent of Congress to the re-

ceipt by employees of a designated entity or designated country of salary and benefits from such entity or country while they serve in offices of profit or trust within the Department of State. **Pages S9191–93**

Lugar (for Frist) Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize a United States-Russia Interparliamentary Group. **Pages S9191–93**

Lugar (for Frist/Stevens) Amendment No. 1185 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize a United States-China Interparliamentary Group. **Pages S9191–93**

Lugar (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1136), to require the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom to include a section on anti-Semitism. **Pages S9191–93**

Lugar (for Akaka/Inouye) Amendment No. 1187 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize certain additional appropriations for the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West. **Page S9191–93**

Clinton/Schumer Amendment No. 1142 (to Amendment No. 1136), to increase the authorization of appropriations for protection of foreign missions and officials for fiscal year 2004, and to make an authorization of appropriations for expenses related to such protection that were incurred prior to October 1, 2003. **Page S9194**

Clinton (for Schumer/Clinton) Amendment No. 1188 (to Amendment No. 1136), to impose an economic sanction on foreign countries that owe property taxes to Washington, D.C. or New York City. **Pages S9194–95**

Dodd Amendment No. 1189 (to Amendment No. 1136), to prohibit MCA monies from being used to fund projects that could displace U.S. jobs or production or pose an environmental hazard. **Pages S9195–96**

Lugar (for Ensign) Amendment No. 1192 (to Amendment No. 1136), to fulfill the Administration's request to move towards the goal of achieving a 25 percent United Nations peacekeeping assessment rate without incurring arrears. **Page S9202**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 271), Biden Modified Amendment No. 1190 (to Amendment No. 1136), to express the sense of the Congress that the United States remain engaged in Iraq in order to ensure a peaceful, stable, unified Iraq with a representative government. **Pages S9196–S9203**

Lugar (for Warner/Stevens) Amendment No. 1193 (to Amendment No. 1136), to strike section 206, relating to security capital cost sharing. **Page S9203**

Lugar (for Frist) Amendment No. 1194 (to Amendment No. 1136), to commend the leadership

and people of Colombia on the third anniversary of Plan Colombia. **Pages S9203–04**

Lugar (for Schumer) Amendment No. 1195 (to Amendment No. 1136), to express the sense of the Senate that President Bush should require all executive agencies to provide full and timely cooperation with the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States so that the Commission can provide the best possible analysis of how the Nation can prevent future acts of terrorism. **Page S9204**

Lugar (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1196 (to Amendment No. 1136), to ensure that the benefits under the Millennium Challenge Assistance program are available for the intended beneficiaries, including women and girls. **Page S9204**

Lugar (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1197 (to Amendment No. 1136), to express the sense of Congress on an investigation into assertions that Iraq attempted to obtain uranium from Africa. **Page S9205**

Lugar (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 1198 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide emergency food aid for HIV/AIDS victims. **Page S9206**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 1135 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide justice for Marine victims of terror. **Page S9206**

Biden Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 1136), to create the Clinton Scholarship Program. **Pages S9206–07**

Lugar Amendment No. 1136, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9162**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 48 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 269), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 505 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Murray Amendment No. 1170 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide additional weeks of temporary extended unemployment compensation for individuals who have exhausted such compensation and to make extended unemployment benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act temporarily available for employees with less than 10 years of service. Subsequently, the point of order, that the amendment would cause an increase in the deficit in excess of the levels permitted and thus be in violation of section 505 of H. Con. Res. 95 of the 108th Congress, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Page S9181**

Legislative Branch Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, the text of the bill relating solely to the House of Representatives remain, that all other parts of the text be stricken, and the text

of S. 1383, Senate companion bill, be inserted in lieu thereof, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Adopted:

Reid (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1201, to appropriate an additional \$25,000,000 for emergency actions to reduce the threat to human safety arising from the threat of catastrophic fire in dead and dying trees. **Pages S9217–18**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified. **Pages S9223–24**

Harkin/Mikulski Modified Amendment No. 1200, to provide that the Secretary of Education shall transfer to the Education for the Disadvantaged account an amount not to exceed \$4,353,368 from amounts that would otherwise lapse at the end of fiscal year 2003 and that were originally made available under the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2003 or any Department of Education Appropriations Act for a previous fiscal year. **Page S9218**

Stevens/Landrieu Amendment No. 1206, making emergency appropriations to the Corps of Engineers for emergency assistance. **Pages S9219–20**

Reid Amendment No. 1210, to provide for the use of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the suppression and control of the Mormon cricket infestation on public and private land in Nevada, Utah, and Idaho. **Page S9224**

Pending:

Sessions Amendment No. 1202, to eliminate the additional amount for programs under the National and Community Service Act of 1990. **Page S9220**

Stevens motion to table Sessions Amendment No. 1202 (listed above). **Page S9223**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:15 a.m., on Friday, July 11, 2003, with a vote on the pending motion to table (listed above) to occur at 9:30 a.m., followed by a vote on final passage of the bill; further, Senate will insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S9226**

Military Construction Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1357, Senate companion measure. **Page S9227**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, July 11, 2003, with a vote on final passage of the bill to occur following the vote on final passage of

H.R. 2657, Legislative Branch Appropriations; further, Senate will insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Appointment:

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106–170, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Thomas P. Golden of Tennessee, vice Vincent Randazzo, resigned.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today.
(Total—271) Pages S9181, S9191, S9203

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:31 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, July 11, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9226.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY/INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill (S. 1391) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas W. O'Connell, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, who was introduced by Senator Reed, and Paul M. Longworth, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, who was introduced by Senator Roberts, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CREDIT REPORTING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the accuracy of credit reporting information and the Fair Credit Reporting Act, focusing on amendments and other statutory changes proposed by the Treasury Department on June 30, 2003, including permanent renewal of the uniform national standards in Section 624 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, after receiving testimony from Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Stephen Brobeck, Consumer Federation of America, Stuart K. Pratt, Consumer Data Industry Association, and Evan Hendricks, Privacy Times, all of Washington, D.C.; Richard F. Le Febvre, AAA American Credit Bureau, Inc., Flagstaff, Arizona; and David A. Jokinen, Sugar Land, Texas.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the high price of natural gas, its effect on the economy and to consider potential solutions, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Richard L. Grant, Tractebel LNG North America, Boston, Massachusetts; J. Brian Ferguson, Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, Tennessee; and Bruce Thompson, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee met and approved the committee recommendations relative to proposed legislation to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement and proposed legislation to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Labor and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for Community Services Block grant program,

after receiving testimony from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Children and Families; David A. Bradley, National Community Action Foundation, Washington, D.C.; E. Phillip McKain, CTE, Inc. (Community Action Agency), Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Connecticut Association for Community Action; Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Connecticut Association for Community Action; Winifred Octave, Worcester Massachusetts; Michael Saucier, Berlin, New Hampshire, and Nathaniel Best, Knoxville, Tennessee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, with amendments;

S. 1280, to amend the Protect Act to clarify certain volunteer liability, with an amendment;

S. Res. 140, designating the week of August 10, 2003, as "National Health Center Week";

S. 764, to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program,

The nominations of Allyson K. Duncan, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Robert C. Brack, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Samuel Der-Yeghaiyan, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Louise W. Flanagan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Lonny R.

Suko, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Earl Leroy Yeakel III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Karen P. Tandy, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1375, to provide for the reauthorization of programs administered by the Small Business Administration, with amendments.

VA PROVIDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation regarding VA-provided benefits programs, including the following: S. 257, S. 517, S. 1131, S. 1133, S. 1188, S. 1213, S. 1239, S. 1281, S. 249, S. 938, S. 1132, S. 792, S. 806, S. 1136, S. 978, S. 1124, S. 1199, S. 1282, and S. 1360, after receiving testimony from Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits; and Craig W. Duehring, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2692–2712, and 1 private bill, H.R. 2713, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6603–04

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–195).

H. Con. Res. 159, declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into

law of the observance of Veterans Day (H. Rept. 108–196);

H.R. 2595, to restore the operation of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program during fiscal year 2003 to the scope of that program as in effect on September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 108–197);

H.R. 2357, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, amended (H. Rept. 108–198); and

H.R. 1516, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania, amended (H. Rept. 108–199).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simmons to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. William H. Harter, Pastor, Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring, Chambersberg, Pennsylvania.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, July 9 by yea and nay vote of 341 yeas to 64 noes with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 346.

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Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2004: The House passed H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by yea and nay vote of 215 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 353.

Pages H6470–6581

Agreed To:

Bereuter amendment that targets \$12 million for research on the comparative effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, and safety of drugs, biological products, and devices;

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Tancredo amendment that increases funding for school safety programs by \$5 million;

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Rejected:

Rahall amendment that sought to prohibit any funding to implement amendments to the Department of Labor Mine Safety and Health Administration regulations dealing with dust levels in mines (rejected by recorded vote of 210 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 349);

Pages H6561–63, H6578

Allen amendment that sought to prohibit any penalties to schools that are not fully funded under the No Child Left Behind Act (rejected by recorded vote of 199 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 350);

Pages H6564–68, H6578–79

Obey amendment that sought to prohibit any funding to implement regulations that exempt from the requirements of overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act any employee who is not otherwise exempted (rejected by recorded vote of 210 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 351); and

Pages H6568–71, H6579–80

Toomey amendment, as modified, that sought to prohibit funding for five National Institutes of Health grants (rejected by recorded vote of 210 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 352).

Pages H6573–76, H6580

Withdrawn:

Manzullo amendment no. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 9 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to specify that at least 65 percent of products must be made in the

United States to qualify under the Buy American Act.

Pages H6563–64

Point of Order Sustained Against:

Obey amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit the size of the tax cut made to individuals earning more than \$1 million and increase funding for various education, health, biomedical research, and low income energy programs;

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Section 217 B, Medicare Claims Processing Fee;

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Obey motion that sought to add a new title dealing with the Medicaid adjustment for State maintaining coverage of children under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Pages H6576–77

Motions to Strike the Enacting Clause:

Rejected the Obey motions to strike the enacting clause by recorded vote of 199 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 347 and recorded vote of 197 yeas to 224 noes, Roll No. 348.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 312, the rule that is provided for consideration of the bill on July 9.

Legislative Program: Representative Rogers of Michigan announced the Legislative Program for the week of July 14.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, July 14: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 14 for morning-hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 16.

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Joint Meeting to Receive Prime Minister Tony Blair: Agreed that it be in order at any time on Thursday, July 17, 2003 for the Speaker to declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting the Right Honorable Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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Check Truncation Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1474, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and requested a conference with the Senate thereon. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Oxley and Representatives Bachus, LaTourette, Hart, Tiberi, Frank of Massachusetts, Sanders, and Ford.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of the House today and appear on pages H6469–70, H6548–49, H6577–78, H6578, H6578–79, H6579–80, H6580, and H6581. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CROP INSURANCE PRODUCTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review crop insurance products for specialty crop producers. Testimony was heard from Russell Redding, Executive Deputy Secretary, Administration, Department of Agriculture, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Operation Iraqi Freedom. Testimony was heard from Gen. Tommy Franks, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command.

HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on “Affordability in Higher Education: We know there’s a problem; what’s the solution?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NIH: BRINGING RESEARCH FROM THE BENCH TO THE BEDSIDE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “NIH: Bringing Research from the Bench to the Bedside.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Donald A. B. Lindberg, M.D., Director, National Library of Medicine; Mark L. Rohrbach, Director, Office of Technology Transfer, Office of the Director; and Anna D. Barker, Deputy Director, Strategic Scientific Initiatives, National Cancer Institute, all with NIH; and Theresa Mullin, Associate Commissioner, Office of Planning and Evaluation, FDA; and public witnesses.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the Committee’s investigation into dietary supplements containing ephedra.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1553, to amend the securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts; and H.R. 2179, amended, Securities Fraud Deterrence and Investor Restitution Act of 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2556, amended, DC Parental Choice Incentive Act of 2003; H.R. 2438, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as the “Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building;” H. Con. Res. 230, honoring the 10 communities selected to receive the 2003 All-America City Award; H. Res. 303, honoring Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr., former Mayor of the City of Atlanta, and extending the condolences of the House of Representatives on his death; and S. 867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wicks Lane in Billings, Montana, as the “Ronald Reagan Post Office Building.”

FOREIGN TRAVEL TO U.S.—NEW VISA AND PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS IMPACT

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “Smooth Sailing or an Impending Wreck? The Impact of New Visa and Passport Requirements on Foreign Travel to the United States.” Testimony was heard from Janice L. Jacobs, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Department of State; Michael Cronin, Associate Commissioner, Immigration Policy and Programs, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Robert J. Garrity, Jr., Acting Assistant Director, Records Management Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

DRAFT IMPLEMENTING PROPOSALS—U.S.-CHILE FREE TRADE IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT ACT; U.S. SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Agreed to the following draft implementing proposals, as amended: the U.S.-

Chile Free Trade Implementation Agreement Act; and the U.S. Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

ANTI-HOAX TERRORISM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1678, Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representative McCotter; Susan Brooks, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, Department of Justice; James McMahon, Superintendent, New York State Police; and a public witness.

COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS ACT; COMPACT IMPACT RECONCILIATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following measures: H.J. Res. 63, to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia," and the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands," and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023 and H.R. 2522, Compact Impact Reconciliation Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Case; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: David Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs; and Nikolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs; Albert V. Short, Negotiator for the Compact of Free Association, Department of State; Susan Westin, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Senator Peter M. Christian, Chief Negotiator, Federal States of Micronesia; Gerald Zackios, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; Felix P. Camacho, Governor of Guam; and Vicente Pangelinan, Speaker, I Liheslaturan Guahan.

COMPETITION FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LABORATORY CONTRACTS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Competition for Department of Energy Laboratory Contracts: What is the Impact on Science? Testimony was heard from Robin Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Robert Gordon Card, Under Secretary, Energy, Science and Environment, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

DRAFT IMPLEMENTING PROPOSALS—U.S.-SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT; AND U.S.-CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved the following draft implementing proposals: the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; and the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security Number Privacy. Testimony was heard from Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, SSA; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSE REFORM: COMMITTEES AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Rules held a hearing entitled "Perspectives on House Reform: Committees and the Executive Branch." Testimony was heard from James Schlesinger, former Secretary of Energy, former Secretary of Defense and former Director of the CIA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, oversight hearing on "Immigration Relief Under the Convention Against Torture for Serious Criminals and Human Rights Violators," 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Friday, July 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2657, Legislative Branch Appropriations, with a vote on the motion to table Sessions Amendment No. 1202, followed by a vote on final passage of the bill; following which, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2559, Military Construction Appropriations, with a vote on final passage of the bill.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Monday, July 14

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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